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## NOTES FROM THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY RECORDS.

By Mr. R. S. THOMAS, Smithfield, Va.

*To the Editor of the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography:*

When Philip A. Bruce was here last Fall he gave me a reference to the two following depositions which contain some matters I never heard of before :

"The Deposition of John Goodrich of Isle of Wight county aged eighty eight, or thereabouts sworn and examined saith that Indian Cooper about 60 years ago gave a parcel of land for a Gleab in On-queak Bay where Mary Dickson now livith, and her father, William Phillips, lived on this land seve'all years by lase from the vestry. Before which time Mr. Oiser and Mr. Dunsean, ministers, lived on the said land as belonging to the Church (or as Glebe land) that Indian Cooper gave, & further saith not."

(Signum)

JOHN I. GOODRICH.

Dated March 5th, 1697-8.

Sworn to before us per order of Court.

George Moore, Hn Baker. Recorded by Charles Chapman, C. C.

The Deposition of William Miles of ye County of Isle of Wight, aged seventy-five years or thereabouts, sworn and examined saith that about 60 years ago the Plantation whereon William Phillips several years since lived, went by the name of the Glabe, & was owned by all, that one Mr. Oiser, a minister, lived on this Gleab & one Mr. Faulkner, minister, lived there also.

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WM. M. M. MILES.

mark.

Dated March 5th, 1697-8, exactly as above, before the same parties and recorded as above.

1 Hen. Stat., p. 279, speaks of Mr. Falkner. Mr. Oiser I never heard of.

Robert Dunster's will bears date May 17th, 1656. I have a copy of the appraisement of his estate somewhere and may send it.

Robert Dunster was a witness to the will of Robert Watson, of November 6th, 1651.

After I came back from Yorktown, the other day, I thought I would see what our order books from 1772 to 1782 said about the military companies in this county, and I enclose you extracts from them which I think will be highly useful to those who wish to become sons or daughters of the Revolution.

Yours truly,

June 4th, 1903.

R. S. THOMAS.

At a court held Nov. 5th, 1772.

"Timothy Tines a Major, John Scarsbrook Wills Captain, Benjamin Applewhaite Captain, John Lawrence Captain, James Bridger Captain, Henry Harrison Captain, Benjamin Ely Lieutenant, and James Wills, a Lieutenant in the militia, severally took the usual oaths to his Majesty's Person & Government, and the abjuration oath and repeated, & subscribed the test, & also the oath of their respective offices." P. 57.

April 6th, 1775. John Scarbrook Wills, Major; Tristram Norsworthy, Capt., & Henry Pitt, Lieut., took the oaths. P. 324.

May 4th, 1775. Arthur Smith Captain, Willis Wills, Captain, & Harrison Whitfield Lt., took the oaths.

At a court held January 14th, 1777.

Present: James Bridger, Richard Hardy & John Sch. Wills & Thomas Pierce, Gent.

"Persons supposed to be disaffected:

"Patrick Ronaldson" agent for Andrew Sym & Co. of Great Britain and Alexander Wills.

At a court held May 1st, 1777.

Appointed Captains: Daniel Herring, John Lawrence, Goodrich Willson, and Daniel Herring.

Henry Pitt, Captain 1st Company.

Daniel Herring, Jr., Captain of Wm. Bridger's Co.

Jessee Herring, Lieut.

Thomas Smeely, Ensign.

Captain Robert Holland's Co. added to Herring's Co.

Willis Wills, Captain of Thomas Pitt's Company, Pitt resigned.

Emmanuel Wills, Lieut. in place of Thomas Howell, resigned.

Charles Fulgham, Captain in place of Joseph Hill, resigned.

Thomas Wrenn, Ensign.

William Hodsden, Captain in place of Thomas Day, dec'd.

Harrison Wilfield, Lieuten.

William Jenkins, Ensign.

Court held June 5th.

Daniel Herring, John Lawrence, Richard Hardy, Benj. Eley, Gent.—Justices.

William Hodsden, Henry Pitt, Willis Wills, Captain, and Emanuel Wills, a Lieut., took the oaths required.

Elisha Lawrence Ballard, a Lieut. in Captain Mills Lawrence's Co.

Jonas Bradshaw, Ensign to the same "in the room of John Daugherty, Lieut., & Hardy Lawrence, resigned."

Willis Jenkins, Ensign, took the oath, &c.

At a court held August 7th, 1777.

Ordered that John Scarsbrook Wills do attend Willis Wills' district, James Wills' district & Henry Pitt's district, & administer the oaths of allegiance.

Ordered that Captain Thomas Pierce do administer the oaths to all in his district, &c.

That Richard Hardy do attend William Hodsden district, that Captain Goodrich Willson do attend his district, John Jordan's district, & the district of Captain Joseph Hill.

That Daniel Herring do attend Captain Thomas Fearn's district.

That James Allen Bridges, do attend for Captain Robert Holland.

That John Lawrence, do attend for Captain John Darden & Mills Lawrence.

That Thomas Everett, 2 Lieut. in Capt. Willis Wills' Co. and Henry Parnell, Ensign.

That Daniel Herring, Jr., Captain, & Jesse Herring, 1st Lieut., took the oaths.

Daniel Herring, Jr., also Justice of the Peace—Justice of County Court in Chancery & Justice of the Court of Oyer & Terminer.

That James Johnson, a 2 Lieut. to Cap. Robert Holland, Samuel Simmons, a 1st Lieut., John Fearn, 2 Lieut., & John Thomas, Ensign to Captain Thomas Fearn's Co.

That Edward Goodrich, a 1st Lieut., William Jenkins, 2d Lt., & Philip Lupo, Ensign to Cap. William Hodsden Co.

That William Gray be Captain in room of Joseph Hill, resigned.

That Thomas Wrenn, 1st Lieut., Britain Ward, 2d Lieut., and Malcolm Delk, Ensign to the same Company.

That William Eley be 2d Lieut. & John Darden, Ensign to Captain John Darden's Co.

That Edmund Godwin, a 2d Lieut., & Samuel Holliday, Ensign to Captain Henry Pitt's Co.

That Sharp Reynolds, 2d Lieut. to Captain Thomas Pierce's Co.

That James Young, 1st Lieut., Thomas Goodson, Jr., 2d Lieut., to Captain Goodrich Wilson's Co.

That Christopher Dickinson, 2d Lieut., & John Godwin, Ensign to Captain James Wills' Co.

That Henry Vaughan, 2d Lieut. to Captain Mills Lawrence's Co.

That John Crocker be 2d Lieut. to Cap. John Jordan.

John Scarsbrook Wills, Brewer Godwin, Robert Holland, James Bridger, Benjamin Eley, Daniel Herring, Jr., & Jethro Gale, Gentlemen Vestrymen for Newport Parish, took the oath, &c.

At a Court held Sept. 4th, 1777.

James Young, 1st Lieut., & John Crocker, 2d Lieut., took the oaths, &c.

Court held November 6th, 1777.

Samuel Hardy recommended as Commonwealth's att'y.

Edward Goodrich, 1st Lt., William Jenkins, 2d Lt., Philip Lupo, Ensign, Moreland Delk, Ensign, William Eley, 2d Lieut., & William Gray, Captain took the oaths, &c.

Mary West—wife of Randolph West—who is a soldier in the service of the United States of America, is entitled to five pounds per year for her support, &c. Afterwards twelve pounds & ten shillings (1778).

At a Court held Dec. 4th, 1777.

James Johnson, 2d Lieut., and John Darden, Ensign, took the oath.

Ordered that Edmund Godwin be 1st Lieut., & Jeremiah Godwin, 2d Lieut.

That Emanuel Wills be Captain in place of Willis Wills, who is adjutant; that Thomas Everett be 1st Lieut. & Mills Wills be 2d Lieut. to said Company.

At a Court held March 5th, 1778.

That Thomas Goodson, Jr., be 1st Lieut. & Henry Harrison 2d Lieut. to Captain Goodrich Willson's Co.

Sharp Reynolds, 2d Lieut., took the oath, &c.

At a Court held October 1st, 1778.

Samuel Hardy admitted to practice law, and made escheator Aug. 5th, 1779.

At a Court held Nov. 5th, 1778.

Emanuel Wills, Captain, took the oath, &c.

At a Court held Dec'r 3d, 1779.

Ordered that Edmund Godwin be Captain in the room of Henry Pitt, resigned, & that Jeremiah Godwin be 1st Lt. & Richard Williams 2 Lt. of that Co.

That Christopher Dickinson be 1st Lt. & Randolph Reynolds 2d Lt. to Cap'n James Wills' Co.

That Jacob Dickinson be 2d Lt. & Edmund Godwin, Jr., an Ensign to Cap'n Emanuel Wills' Co.

That William Blunt, Jr., be Captain in room of John Jordan, Jr., dec'd, & that John Crocker be 1st Lieut. & Joseph Jordan 2d Lt. to the said Co.

That James Young be 1st Lt. to Capt'n Wm. Hodsden, John Hodges 2d Lt. & Valentine Jenkins, Ensign to the said Co.

That John Jennings Wheedon be a 2d Lt. to Captain Goodrich Willson's Co.

Court held April 6th, 1780.

Samuel Hardy resigned his office as Escheator.

Ordered that John Lawrence, Gent., be appointed Colo. of the Militia in the room of Tristram Norseworthy, resigned.

That James Wills be Major in the room of John Lawrence, Colonel.

That Christopher be Captain in the room of James Wills, Major; that Joseph Pitt be 1st Lieut. and George Benn 2d Lt. to the said Co.; that Thomas Shelly be ensign to Captain Gray's Co., in the room of Moreland Delk.

At a Court held July 6th, 1780.

Ordered that James Johnson be Captain in the room of Robert Holland, resigned; that Wm. Bridger be 2d Lt. to James Johnson.

John Lawrence, Col., James Wills, Major, & Edmund Goodwin, Captain, took the oaths of office.

At a Court held October 5th, 1780.

"Ordered that Thomas Pierce, Goodrich Wilson, & George Purdie, Gent., do let to the lowest bidder the repairing of the Court House [in Smithfield] belonging to this county which has been greatly damaged by the enemy during their several Invasions, and make report thereof to the court."

At a Court Held April 5th, 1781.

Ordered that Nathaniel Flemyng be Captain in the room of John Darden, resigned.

That Thomas Bowden be Ensign in Cap. James Johnson's Co.

That Sampson Wilson be 2d Lt. to Capt'n Goodrich Wilson.

That Mills Wilkinson be 1st Lt. to Cap. Christ'r Dickinson.

That Solomon Edwards be 2d Lt. to Capt. Mills Lawrence.

That James Jordan be ensign to Capt. William Hodsden.

Court, May 3d, 1781.

That Mills Wilkinson be Captain in the room of Christ'r Dickinson, dec'd; that George Benn be 1st Lt., Edmund Goodwin be 2d Lt., & Randolph Reynolds, Ensign to that Co.

That John Everett be ensign to Capt'n Emanuel Wills' Co.

That William Eley be Captain in the room of Nathaniel Flemyng, who refuses the office.

That John Darden, Jr., be 2d Lt. of Capt'n Wm. Eley's Co.

That William Bridger be 1st Lt. of Cap. James Johnson's Co., in the room of Jethro Gale, resigned, & that Dempsey Marshall be 2d Lt. to that Co.

Court held 5th of July, 1781.

Ordered that Joseph Moody be ensign to Cap. William Bunt's Co.

At a Court held March 7th, 1782.

Ordered that Richard Williams be 1st Lieut., James Pedin 2d Lt., & Brewer Godwin, Jr., Ensign to Cap'n Edmund Godwin's Co.

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